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Dear Jim:

Jim, thank you for meeting with us. It's comforting to know that the EPA is committed to developing a long-term plan that will leave our towns socially, economically and "medically" healthy. We are also aware that Lincoln County and Libby in particular pose many more difficulties and intricacies than usual to address future problems in the mid and long run. We would offer HCI as one community (county) wide mechanism to provide diverse input to the EPA to identify and resolve these long-term issues.

We are happy to and enthusiastic about participating with the EPA and representatives from other community groups to advise and develop plans that will ensure that responsibilities are identified and funding is secured to serve us after the EPA is long gone. This group would need to be inclusive of environmental, health, social and economic concerns. A large group may be counter-productive, but one that is representative of the community at large is mandatory.

This group's entire focus should be long range in nature. It should not be to supplant or replace any of the work and purpose of the CAG or TAG which is focused on the immediate and short-term clean-up efforts. It would be complementary, of course.

If you would like to pursue this offer of help more, please let us know how you would like to proceed.

On behalf of the HCI Executive Board., I remain

Sincerely,

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